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LISTS RETAIL PRICES OF MAIN COMMODITIES OF PRINCIPAL CITIES IN CHINA

SHANGHAI RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Shanghai Ta-kung-pao, 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)*	Unit
Rice	230,500	picul
Flour	70,600	bag
Bean oil	4,700	catty
Peanut oil	4,800	"
Salt	2,500	"
Kerosene	3,000	"
21-gauge cotton yarn	130,000	pao
Shansi coal	250	catty
Bleached muslin	3,000	/ft/
Briquettes	200	catty

*People's bank notes

TIENTSIN RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 4 May 50

Item	Price Range (JMP)	Unit
Paddy rice	1,600 - 1,650	catty
Pei-ho millet	1,300 - 1,350	"
Northeast millet	850 - 900	"
Corn meal	950 - 1,100	"
Peanut oil	4,200 - 4,400	"
Table salt	1,700 - 1,800	"
Cotton yarn	140,000	skein
Cotton cloth	226,000	bolt
Kerosene	4,000	catty
Ungraded coal	270,000 - 280,000	ton
Briquettes	70 - 80	catty

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PEIPING RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)	Unit
Cotton cloth	2,300	ft
Flour	66,000	bag
Rice	1,550	chin
Millet	1,230	"
Corn	850	"
Corn meal	1,040	"
Men-t'ou-kou second-grade lump coal	130,000	ton
Briquettes	5,000	100 chin
Bean oil	2,900	chin

HANGCHOW RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Hangchow Chekiang Jih-pao 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)	Unit
Rice	217,000	picul
Soybeans	110,000	"
Flour	73,000	bag
Peanut oil	460,000	picul
12-gauge cotton yarn	3,400,000	bale
Bean curd	200	catty

WU-HSU RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Wu-hsi Su-nan Jih-pao, 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)	Unit
Rice	2,146.65	qt
Flour	3,112.27	2 catties
Fine-weave cotton cloth	1,600.00	ft
Bean oil	970.00	quarter pound

HO-FEI RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Ho-fei Wan-peo Jih-pao 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)	Unit
Rice	87,500	100 market chin
Soybeans	56,410	" " "
Peanut oil	222,000	" " "
Cotton cloth	178,000	bolt
Kerosene	130,000	5-gallon tin

HANKOW RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)	Unit
Rice (standard)	145,000	picul
Flour	77,000	bag (49 lb.)
Hemp oil	330,000	picul
Salt	173,000	"
Coal	415,000	ton
Kerosene	1,160,000	drum
Cotton cloth	95,000 to 245,000	bolt

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CH'ANG-SHA RETAIL PRICES, 3 MAY 1950 -- Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 4 May 50

Item	Price (JMP)	Unit
Rice	112,000	picul
Soybeans	78,600	"
No 2 flour	68,000	bag (49 lb)
Salt	195,000	picul
Cloth	270,000	bolt

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